

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus comprising:

a stationary frame having an opening for inserting and ejecting a disk-shaped recording medium,

a disk guide which is rotatably provided in the proximity of the opening of said stationary frame, and which leads said disk-shaped recording medium to the inserting operation and the ejecting operation, and

a floating unit which is held in a floating state through elastic component in said stationary frame, and which has a function to perform a recording and/or reproducing operation on said disk-shaped recording medium,

wherein said floating unit includes a roller arm for carrying said disk-shaped recording medium to a desired position, and wherein said roller arm moves to thereby permit the disk guide to close at least a part of the opening.

2. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus comprising:

a stationary frame having an opening for inserting and ejecting a disk-shaped recording medium,

a disk guide which is rotatably provided in the proximity of the opening of said stationary frame, and which leads said disk-shaped recording medium to the inserting operation and the ejecting operation, and

a floating unit which is held in a floating state through elastic component in said stationary frame, and which has a function to perform a recording and/or reproducing operation on said disk-shaped recording medium.

~~A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1,~~ wherein said floating unit includes a disk-carrying member having a roller arm which rotates itself while pressing said disk-shaped recording medium onto said disk guide, so as to carry said disk-shaped recording medium to a desired position, and wherein, when said disk-carrying member has carried said disk-shaped recording medium to a recording/reproducing position, said roller arm is rotated or moved to thereby permit the disk guide to close at least a part of the opening for inserting and ejecting said disk-shaped recording medium ~~by said disk guide.~~

3. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said floating unit includes a disk-carrying member having [[a] the roller arm which rotates itself while pressing said disk-shaped recording medium onto said disk guide, so as to carry said disk-shaped recording medium to a desired position, and wherein, when said disk-carrying member has carried said disk-shaped recording medium to a recording/reproducing position, a part of said disk guide is moved in a direction intersecting the locus of the motion of said disk-shaped recording medium to close at least a part of the opening for inserting and ejecting said disk-shaped recording medium by said disk guide.

4. (Currently Amended) A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said stationary frame comprises an upper frame and a lower frame, and wherein said disk guide is so held in suspension from the reverse of said upper frame as to be rotatable at a predetermined angle.

5. (Currently Amended) a disk apparatus comprising:
a stationary frame having an opening for inserting and ejecting a disk-shaped recording medium,

a disk guide which is rotatably provided in the proximity of the opening of said stationary frame, and which leads said disk-shaped recording medium to the inserting operation and the ejecting operation, and

a floating unit which is held in a floating state through elastic component in said stationary frame, and which has a function to perform a recording and/or reproducing operation on said disk-shaped recording medium,

~~A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1,~~ wherein said disk guide is foldable in two stages and is folded while said disk guide is leading said disk-shaped recording medium to the inserting operation and ejecting operation.

6. (Original) A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein a substantially arch-like protruded chin guard is provided at a position where the opening for inserting and ejecting said disk-shaped recording medium is formed in said floating unit, and wherein, when said disk-shaped recording medium is placed at the recording/reproducing position, said disk guide contacts said chin guide.

7. (Previously Presented) A disk apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said disk guide has a part which closes the opening for inserting and ejecting said disk-shaped recording medium and which has a recess therein.